An Interesting Week Promised in Both Branches of the National Legislature.

#### FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR HAWAIIANS

The Pending Bill, When Acted Upon, Will Reveal the Government's Policy Toward New Possessions.

The Porto Rican Bill Will Be Discussed in Both the Senate and House, and Long Speeches Are Expected to Be Made.

Washington, Feb. 19.-The attention of the senate this week will be given largely to the relations of the United States to its insular possessions. The bill providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands has the right of way, and if it should be so fortunate as to be finally acted upon before the close of the week, the Porto Rican bill, under the agreement made in the republican caucus last week, will be immediately taken up. The probabilities are that the Hawaiian bill will be debated at considerable length and that many amendments will be offered to it. On this account, and because it may be made the basis of more or less general talk on the question of the policy to be pursued toward the new possessions, considerable time probably will be necessary to the final disposal of the bill.

All admit the urgency of the legislation giving the Hawaiians a government, but there are some points on which there are radical differences of opinion, and these will have to be fought out. The most important of these is the question as to whether the commercial intercourse between the United States and the islands shall be under a tariff or under the free trade system allowed, between the states of the union. The bill provides for free trade, but several of the senators, under the leadership of Senator Platt, of Connecticut, are making an effort to secure radical amendment in this respect.

Senator Cullom, in charge of the bill, will resist, and he will be supported by some republicans and nearly all the democratic members. Practically the same fight will be made on the Porto Rican bill.

On Wednesday Senator Lodge will deliver a prepared speech on the Philippine situation, dealing with the whole insular question to an extent. Senator Kenney also will deliver a set speech on the Philippine question on Tuesday.

It is quite possible that the conference report on the currency bill will be brought in during the week, and if so, everything else will be laid aside for its consideration. A very short debate is expected over this report when made. The diplomatic appropriation bill may be considered during the week.

Thursday enlogies will be delivered on the late Senator Hayward, of Ne

## PORTO RICAN TARIFF.

The Bill Now Before the House Will Be Debated All Week, and Promises to Be Memorable.

Washington, Feb. 19.-The house will enter upon the consideration of the Porto Rican tariff bill and the debate upon it promises to be memorable in the history of this congress. The vital question at issue in the bil is whether that clause of the constitution providing for equality of impost and excise taxes throughout United States territory extends over the island of Porto Rico and in this is involved perhaps the determination of the future status and government of our new accession.

The republicans in framing the bill have proceeded upon the theory that the constitution and its immunities do not extend over Porto Rico. The democrats are solidly arrayed upon the other side, and in committee they were joined by one republican, Mr. McCall, of Massachusettts. Among the other republicans who take the same view is Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, who succeeded the late Mr. Dingley. He won his spurs in the debate upon the Roberts case, and is already considered one of the most powerful debaters in the house. The support of these two prominent republicans has raised some hopes in the opposition that they may be able to defeat the bill, although this hardly seems probable at this writing.

Both sides are preparing for a royal struggle. Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, will open in support of the bill. He will be followed by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader. Mr. Bailey, of Texas, will also close for the minority. The debate will continue throughout the week.

The Story Pronounced Untrue, Washington, Feb. 19.-The British embassy, upon inquiry being made, authorized the statement that there was no truth whatever in the story contained in the Paris dispatches that President McKinley had sounded Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador here, to ascertain how an offer of mediation in the Transvaal difficulty on the part of the United States would be received by Great Britain.

Seven Brick Stores Burned.

Clarksdale, Miss., Feb. 19.-Fire which started in the rear of Bacot & Co.'s general store destroyed seven brick stores in the business portion of this place entailing a loss of \$60,-000. The fire department was hanpered by lack of water.

#### NO DENIAL FROM MACRUM.

He Is Going to Washington to Testlfy to His Statement Should He Be Called Upon to Do So.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 19.—Charles E Macrum, former United States consul at Pretoria, South Africa, left here for Washington on the Baltimore & Ohic road. Before leaving he said:

"I do not withdraw a word of my charges against the British officials in South Africa. If I am called upon, I am prepared at any time to testify to them and furnish evidence of their truthfulness."

Mr. Macrum is evidently delighted over the effect of his statement, made public last week, and says that, although he is not acquainted with Congressman Wheeler, of Kentucky, who introduced a resolution in the house asking for an investigation of his case, he will call upon him while in Washington. The ex-consul says he is not going to Washington on any special mission, but wants to be on the ground to give his testimony should it be needed.

#### AN IOWA TRAGEDY.

Aged and Respected Citizen Shot By a Young Boy Who Called to Take His Daughter to Church.

Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 19.-Leslie Eastburn, a 31-year-old boy, shot Jasper Sutton, an aged and respected citizen of Bloomfield, at 10:30 Sunday morning, the ball penetrating the abdodeath. Eastburn called at Sutton's home to take his 18-year-old daughter Alice to church. The father met him at the door and ordered him away.

An altereation ensued, and Sutton followed Eastburn to the road. Weapons were drawn by both men but Eastburn fired first, the other man falling before he could raise his weapon. Eastburn gave himself up, going into Sutton's home and consolling the daughter until an officer arrived. The shooting created intense excitement, many people who were en route to church having witnessed the duel.

#### Sea Captain Dies of Yellow Fever.

New York, Feb. 19.-When the Prince line steamer Asiatic Prince arrived at quarantine from Santos, Chief Officer Campe reported the death of Capt. Woodhouse from yellow fever on February 3. The captain was buried at sea the same day. Chief Officer Camp then took command and brought the Asiatic Prince safely to port. Capt. Woodhouse was 52 years of age, and left a family at Liverpool. He was well known at this port. The vessel will be detained at quarantine for disinfection. She will discharge her cargo into lighters in the upper

#### Death of Capt. Langworthy.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 19.-Word was received from Muskegon, Mich., of the death of Capt. A. J. Langworthy at the age of 84. Capt, Langworthy was chief of the Milwaukee fire department in 1849 and was sheriff of Milwaukee county during 1859-1860. He organized a company of the 2d Wisconsin regiment who served in the battle of Bull Run and was president of the Wisconsin association of Bull Run survivors in 1898. He was also a prominent odd fellow.

## Passenger Train Wrecked.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 19.-The Twilight limited passenger train on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, bound for Duluth and West Superior, was wrecked at Gordon, Wis The train was ditched, and the engineer and fireman, both of whom live in St. Paul, were badly injured and taken to a hospital at West Superior. Wis. No passengers were injured beyoud a severe shaking up.

## River Steamer Sunk.

Rosedale, Miss., Feb. 19.-The steamer New Mattie, of Memphis sprung a leak and sank near the mouth of White river. Two Negro deck hands were drowned. The general merchandise portion of the cargo is a total loss. No estimate of the property loss is given.

## Senator Elkins Injured.

Washington, Feb. 19 .- Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, fell on the icy sidewalk near the capitol during the snow storm Saturday afternoon, sustaining bruises about the body and a general shake-up. The attending physician says his condition is not seri-

## Incendiaries at Work.

Fort De France, Island of Martinique, Feb. 19 .- Three plantations, the Bellevue, the Rossonrio and the Bagatelle were the scenes of incendiary fires Saturday night. Armed custom house officials have been sent to St.

Archbishop Hennessy Improved. Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 19.-The condition of Archbishop Hennessy is slightly improved. His physician said no immediate danger of death was apparent though the disease is such that the climax may be reached any hour.

## Drove the Indians Back.

Oaxaca, Mexico, Feb. 19 .- Gen. Bravo's force of government troops has driven back the Maya Indians and taken possession of several important towns that were occupied by the rebels during the week.

## Miss Sarah Porter Dead.

Hartford, Ct., Feb. 19.-Miss Sarah Porter, head of the famous school in of the action the Boers are bound to the Victoria mounted rifles, who were Farmington, and sister of the late Noah Porter, died aged 85. She established her school about 50 years

## College Destroyed By Fire.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.-The St. Charles college, at Grand Choteau, together with a large and valuable library, was destroyed by fire. Loss,

## BATTLE GOING OF

Boers Make a Stand Near Birds River Occupying a Very Strong Position.

#### BRITTISH HOLD A COMMANDING POST

A Brisk Exchange of Shells is Being Kept Up Over Dordrecht Both Day and Night.

On the Retreat the Boers Kept Up a Good Rear Guard Action-Enemy Very Active Around Ladysmith-Latest War News.

Birds River, Feb. 17.-The position near Dordrecht now is that the Boers occupy a strong hill north of the town and that the British hold a commanding post to the south. Both are maintaining a brisk exchange of shells over Dordrecht.

Gen. Brabant's Horse, 200 strong, commenced the march from Penhook Thursday morning over a trackless veldt and through a mountainous and difficult country. Early Friday they were fired upon and the firing continued all day and well into the night, the British clearing the Boers out of rifle fire lasting eight hours.

Toward midnight Friday the British forced the Boers at the point of tinued to-day,

The British casualties were eight from seeming chaos. killed, including Capt. Crallan and Everybody did what was expected

suit of the Boer army. The guards have occupied the Boer position at Magersfontein.

#### Unconfirmed Rumors.

London, Feb. 19.—Rumors have been in circulation at the clubs and elsewhere in London that Gen. Cronje, with an army of 7,000, has been captured. Apparently they emanated from the continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained here.

#### DETAILS OF THE MOVEMENT.

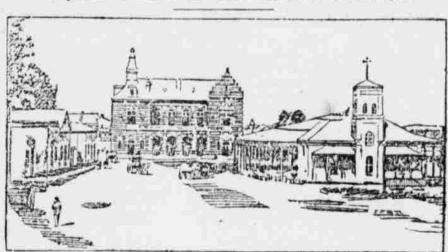
The British Troops Marched Ninety Miles in Four and a Half days and Fought Two Engagements.

Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Feb. 16.-Lord Roberts' combinations for the movement of the corps dovetniled with precision, although obstacles that had not been foreseen had to be overcome. The execution of his design began at 3 a. m. Sunday. Gen French rode into Kimberley Thursday afternoon, just when he was due ac cording to the field marshal's time table, having in four and a half days marched 90 miles with artillery and having fought two small engagements.

The relief of Kimberley was accomplished with the loss of only 50 men. Twenty thousand infantry made splendid marches under a sub-tropica sun and through a dust storm to hold the positions which Gen. French took

Lord Kitchener was with Gen. Tuck er's livision. In consequence of hi transport arrangements, the four di visions moving over the sandy veld men and causing almost instant successive positions under a terrific are fed and watered. It is hardly possible to appreciate adequately the mathematical precision with which every part of the transport depart the bayonet out of their last position, ment has worked, marching through an important one overlooking Dor- the day, tolling almost sleepless! drecht. The artillery duel was con- throughout the night, victualing the army and evolving every hour results

#### OBJECTIVE POINT OF GEN. ROBERT'S CAMPAIGN.



BLOEMFONTEIN, ORANGE FREE STATE, IN THE MARKET SQUARE.

Lieut. Chandler, and eight wounded. of him cheerfully, though enduring visions.

## BULLER'S HEADQUARTERS.

Hill, Near Chievely. Where Fighting is Still Going On.

Chievely, Feb. 18 .- Gen. Buller has wagons. established his headquarters on Hussar hill. Heavy artillery firing was maintained at intervals by both sides from Wednesday until Friday. The British slowly pushed the advance and their infantry occupied entrenched with slight losses. It is believed that the lyddite worked havoc in the Boer trenches. The Boers are supposed to rifle fire has been heavy at times. The whole country is thickly wooded.

to the capture of Hlangwana hill, part is going north of Kimberley. where the Boers are strongly fortified and from which they are shelling the still in the neighborhood of Kimber-British with great accuracy. The Brit- ley. The road from Jacobsdal to Modish infantry are now disposed along a der Station is now open. line extending for seven miles to the small kopjes at the base of Monte Christo hill. From 6 o'clock Friday morning the British incessantly shelled Monte Christo, with the nek separating it from Blaauw Krantz hill on the right.

The British infantry is making slow progress up the nek in the endeavor to occupy Monte Christo, which will enable them to enfilade the Boers on Hlangwana.

Gen. Buller's casualties during the last three days' operations have been about 80. The British forces have now partly ascended Monte Christo

## Boers Keeping Up a Good Fight.

Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Feb. 17.-Further details of the Boer retreat show that the enemy has been fighting a good rear guard action and occupying successive kopjes in order ly being dead beat.

Boers in the neighborhood of Klip-

Gen. French's magnificent march is still the subject of admiration, especially in view of the dust storms and The work of shelling the Boers pro-

ceeds vigorously. Owing to the style show in the open whenever they are obliged to leave the kopjes.

## British Pursuing the Boers.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 17 .- Gen. Kelly-Ken-The Highland brigade reinforced him Boer position without eliciting a reafter a forced march. Gen. French ply. Another forward move is regard-has left Kimberley to join in the pur- ed as imminent.

The British captured some prisoners frightful fatigue. Few slept more and a quantity of forage and pro- than three hours. The battalions hour after hour toiled through the heavy sand uncomplainingly, and when now and then a man fell out o the ranks, exhausted, he would rejoin He Has Established Them on Hussar his company later after he had rested. Some 50 or 60 were overcome by the heat and had to be sent to the rear in the backward defile of empty

The rapidity of Lord Roberts' movements away from his base has solved one of the problems, perhaps the chief problem of the war. He and Lord Kitchener have created a mobile force, able to move in exterior lines and to new positions in front of Hussar hill outflank the Boers, themselves so wonderfully mobile.

The position of the Boer army at Spytfontein being untenable, Gen. have moved their big guns back over Cronje ordered a retreat. At the mothe Tugela Friday afternoon. The ment this dispatch is written it is uncertain whether his whole force or only a portion has gone toward The British operations are directed Bloemfontein. It is possible that a

It is supposed that a 29-ton gun is

## LATEST FROM LADYSMITH.

Boers Have Been Very Active, Evidently Contemplating a Move Somewhere-Maj. Doveton Dead.

Ladysmith, Feb. 17, by Heliograph via Weenan.-The Boers have been very active here during the last few days, and are evidently making a move somewhere. The garrison, greatly delighted to learn of the relief of Kimberley, is in excellent spirits and fit for anything.

Maj. Doveton's wife, who was given a safe conduct through the Boer lines, arrived here to nurse her husband, but he died Wednesday, Feb. 14. Dr. Jameson has the fever.

## Powder Instead of Salt.

London, Feb. 19 .- A dispatch from the Swaziland border, dated Friday, to allow the moving of the convoy February 16, says: "The Boer agent which, however, has been going at a at Bremersdorp, Swaziland, has been very slow pace, the animals apparent- maintaining regular communication with Delagoa bay, via Swaziland. Two The latest reports show that the collie carriers have been bearing sacks supposed to contain salt through Tonkraals drift are undoubtedly disheart- galand. On examination it was found that the sacks contained powder.

#### Britishers Died Fighting. London, Feb. 19 .- A dispatch to the

thunderstorms that all experienced. Times from Naauwpoort, describing the retirement to Arundei, draws attention to the devotion of 20 men of caught in a trap and died to a man fighting to the last.

## Another Forward Movement.

Frere Camp, Feb. 16 .- The Boers ny is still pursuing the Boers. He has have abandoned several langers. Gen. now captured more than 100 wagons. Buller renewed bombardment of the



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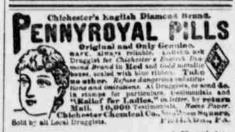
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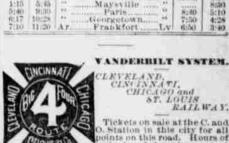


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